

Application No. 10/756,091
Amendment dated October 4, 2005
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A method of making an imaged thermoplastic film, comprising the steps of:

providing a thermoplastic film;

providing a foraminous surface in the form of a three-dimensional image transfer device;

unwinding said thermoplastic film;

advancing said film onto said foraminous surface;

impinging said film with hydraulic pressure so as to impart ~~an~~ a three-dimensional image into said film; and

drying said imaged thermoplastic film, wherein said drying process comprises the use of a frequency range of electro-magnetic radiation that preserves said three-dimensional image imparted into said film.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (original). A method of making an imaged thermoplastic film as in claim 1, wherein said frequency range is provided by microwaves.

Claim 4 (currently amended). A method of making an imaged thermoplastic film, comprising the steps of:

providing a thermoplastic polymeric melt;

providing a support layer comprising a nonwoven fabric;

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providing a foraminous surface;

extruding said polymeric melt directly onto said nonwoven fabric support layer so as to form a laminate;

advancing said film laminate onto said foraminous surface;

impinging said film laminate with hydraulic pressure to impart an image into said film laminate; and

drying said imaged ~~thermoplastic~~ film laminate, wherein said drying process comprises the use of a frequency range of electro-magnetic radiation that preserves said image imparted into said film laminate.